



## HIV/AIDS CASE REGISTRY SECTION

### What we do:

The HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section located within the Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (OA), HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch, is a confidential, central registry of demographic and clinical information on all reported California HIV and AIDS cases. Communicable disease personnel assigned to the HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section routinely collect these data from local health jurisdictions (LHJs) throughout California. HIV and AIDS data are stored in a computer database secured and isolated from outside contact, and paper files are locked within a secured area. AIDS records are analyzed, stripped of identifiers, and forwarded to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for use in national statistics. Encryption programs and a secure work environment ensure the confidentiality of HIV/AIDS Case Registry information.

### Who we serve:

The HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section provides local surveillance staff within California's 61 LHJs, health care providers, laboratories, researchers, and program planners, with support and training to develop, maintain, and enhance surveillance programs. Additionally, the HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section provides large LHJs with computer equipment, HIV/AIDS Reporting System software, and appropriate security software for monitoring the epidemic within their jurisdiction.

### Helpful resources:

- For more information about HIV/AIDS, call the California AIDS Hotline at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish/Filipino) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD) or see Website <http://www.AIDShotline.org>.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov>.
- For more information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at Website <http://www.hivinfo.org/links/lhj.htm>.
- Monthly California Surveillance Report with HIV and AIDS statistics <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Statistics/default.htm>.
- For information on OA's mission, OA programs, and other helpful resources, see Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS>.

### Frequently asked questions:

- How can I make a data request? Download and print the California HIV/AIDS data request form at Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/publications/forms/pdf/dhs8532.pdf>.
- What are the California HIV reporting requirements? See Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/HIVReporting/Default.htm>.
- Where can I find the Law Enforcement Officers form for potential exposure? Download and print form number DHS 8479 at Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Resources/OAforms.htm>.

